

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 26/04/2020

Text(s): Psalm 116

Title: That's Why I Love You Lord!

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(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Psalm 116 (NLT)

- 1** I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.
- 2** Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!
- 3** Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow.
- 4** Then I called on the name of the LORD: "Please, LORD, save me!"
- 5** How kind the LORD is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!
- 6** The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me.
- 7** Let my soul be at rest again, for the LORD has been good to me.
- 8** He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- 9** And so I walk in the LORD's presence as I live here on earth!
- 10** I believed in you, so I said, "I am deeply troubled, LORD."
- 11** In my anxiety I cried out to you, "These people are all liars!"
- 12** What can I offer the LORD for all he has done for me?
- 13** I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the LORD's name for saving me.
- 14** I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- 15** The LORD cares deeply when his loved ones die.
- 16** O LORD, I am your servant; yes, I am your servant, born into your household; you have freed me from my chains.
- 17** I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- 18** I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people—
- 19** in the house of the LORD in the heart of Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)



- 1. The preacher began his sermon by sharing how one day, while walking towards the toilet at Sembawang Shopping Centre, he heard a voice asking him where he was; first, on the left ear and second, on the right ear (recall that the reason he was at the mall on a week day was because he was working with his father and their office was at the 4th floor of the mall). When he heard the voice the first time, he even felt a breath of air on his ear. At first, he thought he was hallucinating because he was clearly all alone, without a single human being near him. The second time he was so sure he heard the voice that he ran out of the corridor back to the main square of the mall. If you have had a similar experience of hearing God's voice in your ear or in your heart, would you be willing to share that experience with us?**
- 2. If you remember from the sermon, the preacher shared that when God spoke to him, God asked him, "Where are you now?" During that time, he had left God and the church for a few years. At a later time, he learned that God asked Adam the same question in Genesis 3:9. What does this tell us about God? What can we learn about our God from Adam's and the preacher's experience in hearing God ask them "Where are you"?**
- 3. As the story goes, the preacher was choking on a large sweet and was breathless. He was running out of oxygen, to the point of turning blue. Once again, he heard God's voices telling him to go up the 4th floor where his father's office was. And as he was going up the escalator, he saw a bright light and arms extended towards him. Once again, he had a powerful encounter with the Lord. What are we to make of these extraordinary experiences of God? Should we take them as rare occurrences or should we, by faith, expect them during our most difficult times? Anyone has an experience to share where God saved you in an extraordinary way?**



RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)

- 1. As the story goes, right after seeing God's light and hands, the preacher said his dad caught him, employed the Heimlich manoeuvre and dislodged the sweet from his throat, saving him from being choked to death. Isn't it interesting that in the process of saving us, God can manifest Himself in extraordinary ways and, at the same time, uses the hands of another person. Would you like to get involved in God's work? In what ways would you like God to use you to save others?**
- 2. For the final question, we come back to v1 where the psalmist says, "I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy." We started our discussion asking us to share our past encounters with God, our experiences of hearing God's voice and of being saved by Him. Did your love for the Lord deepen after He answered your prayer for help? If yes, what personal transformation did you experience as a result of a deeper love for God?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to have a powerful experience with God, one that would take us into a deeper relationship with God.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support. Let us continue to pray for the migrant workers in Singapore.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.